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SUBJ: PRESS ACCREDITATION OF INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES

OF US MEDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 2424

1. MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESS SPOKESMAN
A.N.D. HAKSAR TELEPHONED THE PRESS ATTACHE AT 1245
(EST) TODAY AND APOLOGIZED FOR NOT REPLYING YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON AS HE HAD PROMISED ON THE REPORTED DIS-
ACCREDITATION BY THE GOI OF BALTIMORE SUN CORRESPONDENT
PRAN SABHARWAL.

2. HAKSAR PREFACED HIS MEASURED REMARKS SAYING THE
SUBJECT WAS ONE WHICH WAS ENTIRELY AN INTERNAL MATTER
AND THERE WAS SOME QUESTION OF THE PROPRIETY OF THE
USG TO ASK ABOUT IT, OR THE NEED FOR THE GOI TO REPLY.

3. HAKSAR EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD RESPOND
IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE REQUEST WAS MADE, I.E.,
INFORMATION NEEDED TO REPLY TO PRESS INQUIRIES IN
THE US CONCERNING A SITUATION WHICH HAD A DIRECT
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IMPACT ON THE AFFAIRS OF AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER.

4. THE MEA OFFICIAL THEN SAID THE GOI HAD A SYSTEM BY WHICH THEIR PRESS COMMITTEE MET TO CONSIDER PRESS ACCREDITATIONS; THAT COMMITTEE RECENTLY HAD A MEETING; AND MADE CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS AND AT THE MOMENT IT WOULD BE INCORRECT FOR ANYONE TO EQUATE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THAT GROUP AS DECISIONS OF THE GOI.

5. HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO SABHARWAL, GAVE NO TIMETABLE FOR GOI DECISIONS NOR INDICATED IF THE DECISIONS WOULD EVER OFFICIALLY BE ANNOUNCED OR MADE PUBLIC.
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